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SUBJECT Conditions in Canton and Shench'uan and Along the Railroad

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1. The Public Safety Bureau for Border Defense at Canton has been employing graduates of the Nanfang University for use as plain-clothes men, fifty to a hundred of whom are stationed at every branch office.
2. Employees of the Water and Power plants in Canton have become so dissatisfied with their low pay that they are secretly engaged in planning a strike.
3. In Canton there were not many Communist troops; the ratio of military personnel to civilians on the street was about 1 to 200.
4. On the trains there is no strict examination of travellers. The trains run slower than scheduled. Soon after departure from Shench'uan, train attendants distribute many books of Communist propaganda to the passengers free of charge, and do not collect them until the train has passed the last station before arriving in Canton. They keep the car clean and are much more diligent than attendants who formerly served under the Nationalists. In one instance, a Communist soldier assigned to the train, swept the car of his own volition, keeping his carbine on his back.
5. A special train from Canton to Shench'uan (114-08, 22-32), which passed through Chagantou (114-06, 22-50) at 1400 hours on 28 August, carried one hundred fully equipped Communist troops.
6. One company of about one hundred Communist troops wearing shoulder patches marked "Duty Police" arrived in Shench'uan at 1700 hours on 28 August. These troops were equipped with six machine guns and 65 rifles. They were divided into two groups, company headquarters and one group being stationed at the Third Paoan Middle School and the other in the Second Dormitory of the Shench'uan Joint Primary School.
7. Shench'uan is an important center for the importation of goods into Communist China. Only a few Communist troops are stationed there, but large quantities of merchandise are piled in the open along the railway.

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8. On the south side of the railroad at Lohu, (114-56, 24-07), the following items were observed:

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- a. Twenty to thirty thousand 55-gallon drums of gasoline, stacked in six different locations.
- b. Twenty thousand 55-gallon drums of diesel oil.
- c. Seventy thousand sets of truck tires of various sizes and makes, stacked in four different locations.
- d. Six hundred cases ($5\frac{1}{2}' \times 2' \times 2'$) of dyestuffs being carried by coolies.
- e. Steel bars, steel plate, water pipe and other metals (including scrap) occupying a total volume of 100 thousand cubic feet.
- f. Four hundred cases ($4' \times 2' \times 2'$) of G.E. lamps being carried by coolies.
- g. Two hundred cases ($2' \times \frac{1}{2}' \times 3\frac{1}{2}'$) marked to require careful handling.
- h. Goods covered by canvas occupying a volume of 20 thousand cubic feet.

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2. On the south side of the railroad at Wen-chin-tu (文錦度) the following items were observed:

- a. Twenty thousand sets of truck tires, various sizes and makes.
- b. Steel bars, steel plate, iron and copper wire, water pipe, and other metallic materials occupying a volume of 150 thousand cubic feet.
- c. Twelve thousand 55-gallon drums of gasoline.
- d. Goods covered by canvas occupying a volume of 30 thousand cubic feet.

Comment. This is presumably the Hung An Pu Pien Fang Pao Wei (Hung An Pu Pien Fang Pao Wei).